



## Gurdjieff's sayings & quotes on GOD

*...someone asked Gurdjieff if he would disclose his own whim and he said it was to live and teach so that there should be a new conception of **God** in the world, a change in the very meaning of the word.*

*Philip Mairet - A.R.Orage, A Memoir p.106*

Man not know his own nose and at same time wish to know God's tail.

*Women of the Rope p.174*

Thirty years ago I could imagine, even was time I imagine I was God - or your Uncle Sam.

*Women of the Rope p.45*

The way of the development of hidden possibilities is a way against nature, against God.

*ISOM Chapter 2*

I am sometimes God and sometimes I have 10,000 devils.

*Women of the Rope p.90*

Let God help you go Devil through horns of yak.

*Women of the Rope p.56*

God and microbe are the same system, the only difference is in the number of centers.

*Early Talks p.267*

Don't bother about the saints, keep yourself always turned toward God.

*Conge - Inner Octaves p.161*

Love of God - but indifference to the saints.

*Meetings - My first Tutor*

Whoever does not love life does not love God.

*Early Talks p.266*

Two things have no limit: the stupidity of man and the mercy of God.

*Is there Life on Earth? p.4*

Only before God should you be slave.

*Women of the Rope p.73*

A strong feeling center is a gift of God.

*Nott - Further Teachings p.108*

At the top is pure energy, Holy God, the Word, the positive principle, the active force.

*Early Talks p.313*

When I AM, neither God nor the Devil exists.

*Solange Claustres p.128*

Behind Real I stands God.

*Maurice Nicoll - Selections from Meetings in 1953*

Behind Essence lies Real I, and behind Real I lies God.

If there is 'I' in ones presence, then God and Devil are of no account.

*Meetings - My Father*

Starch is very important thing, is one of the seven divine things for man. Without it, he could not even breathe... Sugar gives by the way heat. Starch gives everything - body heat, material, even God thing.

*Women of the Rope p.149*

Every man thinks he is God but a subjective hopeless idiot sometimes knows that he is not God.

*Nott - Further Teachings p.76*

Every man have moment when he can imagine that he is God.

*Women of the Rope p.150*

I am not God. I am only man. The only difference between me and other men is that I know more.

*Women of the Rope p.92*

Wish is the most powerful thing in the world. Higher than God. Of course I speak of conscious wish; and with conscious wish, everything comes.

*Nott - Teachings of Gurdjieff p.66*

Half the world is Christian, yet steals old Jewish God. Like the Germans, all people begin now to hate Jews. Yet they carry old Jewish God in heart.

*Women of the Rope p.77*

The unique parasite, do you know who he is? Our God. In the world everyone is a parasite. The only person who is not - our esteemed Mullah Nassr Eddin. He is impartial.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.37*

Everyone is idiot, even God.

*Women of the Rope p.173*

Self-love is "I." "I" is God. Therefore it is desirable to have self-love.

*Early Talks p.242*

It would be very silly for God to demand from man what he cannot give.

*Early Talks p.247*

Because of Judas, your Christ has been God for 2000 years.

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.57*

I do not often pray to God. I do not wish disturb His Endlessness. But when I am drunk, I pray to Judas. And I am nearly always drunk!

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.57*

Christ, too, was a magician, a man of Knowledge. He was not God, or rather He was God, but on a certain level.

*Views from the Real World p.211*

Jesus knew his own nonentityness and should he return, he would be very angry that people thought he had said he was God.

*Women of the Rope p.179*

Unmortal is very big thing, but is not all. If a man works he can become of use even to God.

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.56*

In west - your world - is belief that man have soul given by God. Not so. Nothing given by God, only Nature give. And Nature only give possibility for soul, not give soul.

*Fritz Peters - Boyhood with Gurdjieff Chapter 9*

You must struggle, struggle all the time. This exercise is very important. Your whole future depends from this. It should be even more for you than God.

*Women of the Rope p.19*

His toast to us for journey up that mountain: "Let God - not your Jewish God - or devil - not *your* devil - help you return from your journey with feeling all body deserving."

*Women of the Rope p.22*

as people of our times, have already become ... almost simple and automatically vegetating animals, whereas we should be real God-like creatures capable of entering into and understanding the position of others...

*The Herald of Coming Good*

Accustom yourself interior to be very quiet and to see sincerely and with affection your father, your mother. Objectively, they are more than God. God himself said: As long as your father and mother live, I do not exist for you.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.40*

Your father, to you, is like God, and you, through father, can become like God.  
*Nott - Teachings of Gurdjeff p.123*

"Above everything on earth, even above God himself, is the love to one's parents, especially those still living." While parents are alive, God must be considered only as a Future substitute in the heart of man for the place left empty by their death, and this is why God loves only that man, who loves his parents, because this man surely becomes the future receptacle for Him.  
*Early Talks p.419*

For the moment, your parents are your God. You cannot know God. He is too far away. There is no place for Him in you. Your parents are God, they are the future place for God in you. You owe them everything, life, everything. Work first with them; after there will be other exercises.  
*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.103*

There are 21 gradations of reason from that of the ordinary man to that of Our Endlessness, that is, God. No one can reach the Absolute Reason of God, and only the sons of God like Jesus Christ can have the two gradations of reason that are 19th and 20th.  
*Bennett - Making a New World p.120*

Man is unimportant thing. In fact the sheep and camel are better than man; man, who should be like God, has to learn from the animals. Though he doesn't believe it, because he thinks himself very great. In reality, man is like louse; both unimportant things, both easy to destroy.  
*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.26*

He spoke at length about the animalcules in a drop of water and compared man on earth to such small things. Ordinary people did not and could not exist for God or even for the angels. He said to one person, 'YOU are so small that even the smallest devil cannot see you.'  
*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.56*

At lunch today, Mr. G talked about the life in a drop of water, and how God cannot know each individual, and how futile are the sort of prayers we pray - "please, God, make husband give me ..." and a delicious pantomime of putting on a fur coat. How the beings in a drop of water are as we are - they work, eat, sleep - "even have God, even perhaps pray to their God."  
*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.57*

Never lie, play roles. Be something else than what you have habit of being. Know what you not and can know what you are. Even God play roles. Playing roles teaches sincerity, changes attitudes.

*Gurdjieff's America: Mediating the Miraculous*

There have been several "messengers from God" bringing men the possibility of freeing themselves from their condition: Buddha, Lama, Christ, Mohammed are some of these.

*Solange Claustres p.128*

God can maintain the universe without help, through himself. But He is good: He wishes beings to fulfill themselves in the universe, so that they can enjoy beatitude and become His children, capable of penetrating to an understanding of the being that created the world.

*Lannes - This Fundamental Quest p.115*

The wish to live participates in being. God, who wishes to live, shared this wish among us all, and He also saw to it that this wish to live becomes life immortal.

*Lannes - This Fundamental Quest p.115*

Organic life is so strong that no one can change his situation by himself. Suppose that God wants to help us; He cannot. The earth is too small to be affected by God's Will. If the earth is too small, how much more man?

*Early Talks p.124*

Gurdjieff was at pains to show that we as individual essences are not God's handwork, but the results of heredity and the conditions of our conception. I had never before heard him speak of the importance of the moment of conception. He described the state of the father and mother: how they lie together in bed and experience the sounds and scents coming from the garden, and are happy; and so a human seed is sown that is destined for happiness. But if they are full of passion, angry with one another or with anyone else, or if the father is only thinking of his cheque book and how much the baby will cost - then all these influences filter the seed, and the essence is formed with tendencies to hatred and avarice. GOD is not responsible for this. He made man to be clean: if he is now dirty it is his own fault.

*J.G. Bennett - Witness p.269*

Gurdjieff once was telling Elizabeth Gordon, that he had made a mistake. He went on to say that even God made a mistake, one big mistake. Miss Gordon replied that she thought God had done everything necessary to forestall the effect of the Merciless Heropass - "Time, that wears away every living thing". Gurdjieff said, "Yes, everything but one thing; he made an umbrella when he should have made an enema, and now he is idiot and like everyone else sits in galoshes." This seemingly senseless expression puzzled me; only after a long time did I begin to perceive a great truth in the parable.

The objective feeling of morality is connected with certain general, orderly and immutable moral laws, established over the centuries, and in accordance both chemically and physically with human circumstances and nature, established objectively for all and connected with nature, or as is said, with God.

*Early Talks p.173*

All religions, all teachings come from God and speak in the name of God. This does not mean that God actually gave them, but they are connected with one whole and with what we call God.

For example: God said, Love thy parents and thou wilt love me. And indeed, whoever does not love his parents cannot love God. Before we go any further, Let us pause and ask ourselves: Did we love our parents, did we love them as they deserved, or was it simply a case of "it loves," and how should we have loved?

*Early Talks p.174*

Love your parents. They must be for you like God. Who does not love his parents can never love God.

*Bennett - Witness p.254*

Everywhere where there is life, beginning with plants and animals - in a word, wherever life exists - there is love. All life is a representation of God. He who sees the representation will see Him who is represented. Every life has love and is sensitive to love.

*Early Talks p.265*

Every life represents God. Who loves the represented also loves the representer. Every life is receptive to love, feels it, is sensitive to it.

*Early Talks p.420*

All life is a representation of God. He who sees the representation will see what is represented... He who does not love life does not love God.

*Rene Zuber p.38*

A man whose world concept is built on the dogma of religion will say that the world is the creation of God and depends upon God's will, that beyond the visible world, where our life is short and dependent on circumstances or accident, an invisible world exists where life is eternal and where man will receive a reward or punishment for everything he has done in this life.

*Early Talks p.291*

In a man with a religious conception of the world, a Christian, the word 'world' will call up a whole series of religious ideas, will necessarily become connected with the

idea of God, with the idea of the creation of the world or the end of the world, or of the 'sinful' world, and so on.

*ISOM Chapter 4*

The religious man, who believes in God and the future life, sees in man his immortal soul confined in a perishable terrestrial envelope, which is surrounded by temptations and leads man into danger.

*Early Talks p.295*

Every entity has Intelligence, that is, is more or less intelligent. If we take the density of the Absolute as one, the next density will be three, or three times more dense, because in God, as in everything, there are three forces. The law is the same everywhere.

*Early Talks p.329*

Whenever there is an active element there is a passive element. If you believe in God, you also believe in the devil. All this has no value. Whether you are good or bad - it is not worth anything. Only a conflict between two sides is worth something. Only when much is accumulated can something new manifest itself.

*Early Talks p.337*

It is possible to study the sun, the moon. But man has everything within him. I have inside me the sun, the moon, God, I am - all life in its totality. To understand one must know oneself.

*Early Talks p.338*

Everything in this universe can be weighed and measured. The Absolute is as material, as weighable and measurable, as the moon, or as man. If the Absolute is God it means that God can be weighed and measured, resolved into component elements, calculated, and expressed in the form of a definite formula.

*ISOM Chapter 5*

In actual fact nothing is immortal, even God is mortal. But there is a great difference between man and God, and, of course, God is mortal in a different way to man.

*ISOM Chapter 5*

At the beginning of every religion we find an affirmation of the existence of God the Word and the Word-God. One teaching says that when the world was still nothing, there were emanations, there was God the Word. God the Word is the world. God said: "Let it be so," and sent the Father and the Son. He is always sending the Father and the Son. And once He sent the Holy Ghost.

*Early Talks p.365*



The Biblical myth of the creation of the world in six days and of the seventh day in which God rested from his labors is also an expression of the law of octaves or an indication of it, though an incomplete one.

*ISOM Chapter 7*

Cosmic forces have created this state of affairs and cosmic forces control this state of affairs. And you ask: Can it be left like that or should it be changed. God himself could change nothing.

*ISOM Chapter 12*

In our system we are similar to God - threefold. If we consciously receive three matters and send them out, we can construct outside what we like. This is creation. When they are received through us it is the creation of the creator. In this case, all three forces manifest through us and blend outside. Every creation can be either subjective or objective.

*Early Talks p.366*

From the time when man began to live on the earth, from the time of Adam, there gradually began to be formed in us - with the help of God, of Nature, and of all our surroundings - an organ, whose function is conscience. Every man has this organ; and whoever is guided by conscience, automatically lives according to God's commandments.

*Early Talks p.368*

After his accident someone asked G., "Why must we suffer?" He replied: "Well, try not to suffer nor to strive. Can you lie on your bed and scorn God and do nothing to spite Him?"

*Early Talks p.395*

Whom God (not your Jewish God, but God you not know about) and devil (not devil you know about but other devil) - Whom God and devil help, may he return with feeling, all body deserving.

*Women of the Rope p.25*

Here is old Russian prayer: 'May God kill all people who not make merde in the morning, loud noise at noon, and so-so in evening.'

*Women of the Rope p.37*

People think God made them. Not so. Just such sex organ, not God. God has more to do than such unimportant business.

*Women of the Rope p.93*

*[Kanari says Bible called them God's chosen people.]* God not interest such business. Always among many idiots, one super-idiot exists, he more idiot than ordinary,

therefore he is super center of gravity. In this case Moses was such. He was center of gravity of Jewish people and *he* make them chosen, not God.

*Women of the Rope p.107*

He tells about the comic pictures Mr. de Salzmann made - God and Gurdjieff. Gurdjieff is visiting heaven, not dead, but in spirit. God is in a chair, has work around him, even typists, and has in hand a compass for making circles. When God hears who is coming in, he hides his compass, puts it under himself, sitting on it. This picture has a very comic aspect, for him, he laughs like a small boy when telling it to me. "Too bad many details I forget."

*Women of the Rope p.112*

Knowing tapeworm is more than knowing god.

*Women of the Rope p.124*

Pray today that God sleeps - then only can the devil and his friends help me. I have more friends among devils than angels. When God sleeps is the only time the devil is free to do what he wishes, for good or for evil.

*Women of the Rope p.179*

Logic cannot go further - logic is greater than God.

*Women of the Rope p.180*

Of course, God cannot remember all who are on earth - two thousand million.

*Women of the Rope p.211*

Scale is from merde to God.

*Women of the Rope p.219*

He said that 'Amen' means 'God help us'. It is far older than the Jews. Everything is in this word, all the scale, from merde to God.

*Nott - Further Teachings p.84*

'Objective morality,' he said, 'is established by life and by the commandments given us by the Lord God Himself through His prophets, and it gradually becomes the basis for the formation in man of what is called conscience.'

*Meetings - Bogachevsky*

Let God kill him who himself does not know and yet presumes to show others the way to the doors of His Kingdom.

*Meetings - Ekim Bey*

One must strive to understand; this alone can lead to our Lord God.

*Meetings - Professor Skridlov*

Gurdjieff says that a perfected man is superior to the angels, the idea being that men, perfected to a certain degree of reason, are cells in the mind of God. Angels are his emotions.

*Nott - Teachings of Gurdjieff p.129*

I will tell you the first commandment of God to man. This is not one of the commandments given to Moses, which were for a special people, but one of the universal commandments which have always existed. There are many of them, perhaps twenty, but this IS the first. 'Let one hand wash the other.'

*Bennett - Talks on BT Prologue*

I remember once saying to him: "It must be the hardest thing of all to be God," and he looked at me and said: "It is so."

*Bennett - Talks on BT p.81*

Because he is going to make war on the old world: he is going to break our so called God, with the long beard and the comb in his vest pocket.

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.19*

When we marry, we take an oath before God. But the fact that we can so readily break our oath before God showed how little we value God - we *spit* on our God!

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.25*

And the entrancing story of how once an Archangel asked God, "Your Endlessness, why you love who love parents?" to which God replied that he who loves his parents makes place which God Himself can enter.

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.35*

Mr. G had a long conversation in Russian with Katya, who was arguing that God is in some way responsible for the state of deadlock of Enlightened Idiots. G said that what Katya said was entirely wrong: how could God be responsible for every *microbe* in every drop of water? The state of the Enlightened Idiot depended on the conditions at the moment of conception, and so on.

*Bennett - Idiots in Paris p.80*

He is God and I am God! Whatever possibilities He has in relation to the presences of the universe, such possibilities and impossibilities I should also have in relation to the world subordinate to me. He is God of all the world, and also of my outer world. I am God also, although only of my inner world. He is God and I am God! For all and in everything we have the same possibilities and impossibilities! Whatever is possible or impossible in the sphere of His great world should be possible or impossible in the sphere of my small world. This is as clear as that after the night must inevitably come the day. But how could I have failed to notice such a startling analogy? I had thought so much about world creation and world maintenance, and in general about God and

His deeds; and also had discoursed with many others about all these matters; but never once had there come to my mind this simple thought.

And yet, it could not be otherwise. Everything, without exception, all sound logic as well as all historical data, reveal and affirm that God represents absolute goodness; He is all-loving and all-forgiving. He is the just pacifier of all that exists. At the same time why should He, being as He is, send away from Himself one of His nearest, by Him animated, beloved sons, only for the "way of pride" proper to any young and still incompletely formed individual, and bestow upon him a force equal but opposite to His own? . . . I refer to the "Devil." This idea illuminated the condition of my inner world like the sun, and rendered it obvious that in the great world for the possibility of harmonious construction there was inevitably required some kind of continuous perpetuation of the reminding factor. For this reason our Maker Himself, in the name of all that He had created, was compelled to place one of His beloved sons in such an, in the objective sense, invidious situation.

Therefore I also have now for my small inner world to create out of myself, from some factor beloved by me, an alike unending source.

*Life is real only then, when "I AM"*

And so, if you really wish to have in yourself that which alone can distinguish a man from an ordinary animal, that is to say, if you wish to be really such a one to whom Great Nature has given the possibility with the desire, that is, with a desire issuing from all the three separate spiritualized parts and with the conscious striving to transform yourself into a so to say "cultivated soil" for the germination and growth of that upon which lay the hopes and expectations of the CREATOR OF EVERYTHING EXISTING, then you must always and in everything, struggling with the weaknesses that are in you according to law, attain at any cost, first of all, an all-round understanding, and then the practical realization in your presence, of this exercise just elucidated by me, in order to have the chance for a conscious crystallizing in yourself of the data still engendering the three mentioned impulses which must be present obligatorily in the common presence of every man who has the right to call himself a GODLIKE CREATURE.

*Life is real only then, when "I AM"*

Gurdjieff spoke of the Great Eternal Reservoirs which are connected with Sacred Beings who have come to the earth to help mankind He then passed to another diagram showing how the Will of God in creation acts through energies of different density of fineness. I could see that such sources of help are really present and was aware of the great mistake that we men have made in breaking the contact that we could have with them.

*Bennett - Witness p.118*

...but think a little honestly and sincerely, as is proper for a being to think who is, as you say yourself, made "in the image of God."

*Beelzebubs Tales*

Yes, indeed, you are only a man. It is fortunate that God is God, and not vindictive and evil like man. Certainly He will not punish you or take revenge upon you, as you would have done to the vandal who destroyed the goods it had taken you years to collect.

*Beelzebubs Tales*

It goes without saying God forgives everything - this has even become a law in the world.

*Beelzebubs Tales*

The name Olbogmek means, "There are no different religions, there is only one God."

*Beelzebubs Tales*

For our sins, God has sent us two kinds of physicians, one to help us die, the other to prevent us from living.

*Beelzebubs Tales*

You can continue to live like this ten years, a thousand years. You will never change. Even God, if he wished it, would not be able to help you. He would not have the right. Only you yourself can struggle against your laziness.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.8*

To have direct contact with God is impossible. Millions and millions of nonentities wish to have relations with Mr. God direct. This is impossible.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.113*

You cannot pray directly to God. You imagine so, but you waste your time. It is from there that psychopathy comes. Like a monk. He says directly, "God." He manipulates like this [gestures] and sixty years later he perishes like a dog without ever having received anything. He wanted God directly. No one has seen Him, for the law of contacts is strict. This law exists everywhere.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.113*

It is idiotic to believe God thinks of small things.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.114*

For each man, up to a certain age, his father must be his God. God loves him who esteems his father. When the father dies, then there is a place where God can enter in.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.121*

God only appears when your parents have died. God loves him who loves his father and mother. Why? Because he prepares a place for God.

*Meetings in Paris 1941-1946 p.172*

Gurdjieff said he was like God, but his job was harder, because God did not have to destroy first in order to create.

*Shadows in Heaven p.88*

God wins either way.

*Shadows in Heaven p.119*

He chided those people who insisted on talking during the meal, "Idiot God made only one mouth. Should have made two."

*March - The Gurdjieff Years p.52*

Then, for the first time, he let me see what he really is ... as if he had torn off the masks behind which he is obliged to hide himself. His face was stamped with a charity that embraced the whole world. Transfixed, standing before him, I saw him with all my strength and I experienced a gratitude so deep, so sad, that he felt a need to calm me. With an unforgettable look he said, 'God helps me.'

*Unknowable Gurdjieff p.149*

I had asked Gurdjieff Jackie's question: 'How shall I introduce God to my baby?' His answer was, 'All babies near God. Later, bring to me and I will tell.'

*Unknowable Gurdjieff p.187*

Mr. Gurdjieff used to say, "Let angels help you. Let devils help you." And sometimes he would add, "And between the two, may God keep you."

*Conge - Inner Octaves p.128*

No man can acquire this kind of knowledge without risking death. God, misapplied, is the Devil. There is only one force in creation. Good and evil lie merely in its application.

*Struggle of the Magicians p.20*

The highest aim of man is to be cunning, The mag (magus, adept, master) is cunning. The mag is the highest that man can approach to God, because only he can be impartial and fulfill obligation to God, In old times the mag was always made chief because he had cunning. Other mags could do either white or black magic, but the mag who had cunning and cunning could do both white and black and was chief of the initiates. Man with real cunning is man without quotation marks. Angel can do only one thing. Devil can do all. Men like that are nearest man can ever get to God, because only then he has impartial justice.

*Women of the Rope p.59*

"My aim to make a new world." He spoke with passion such as I have never before heard him express - and then made a gesture of breaking something over his knee. "I break your Christ - I shit on your dirty world. I make a new world - I make a new

God." Then after a time he said, "God not offended."

*Rina Hands p.54*

A father, for instance, was told he must be God for his children and must make it easy for them to trust him and feel safe in his care and then later, they will have a place where God can enter and they will know how to help God, who needs us as we need him.

*Rina Hands p.67*

Gurdjieff told his pupils that God loved those who esteem their fathers, and that this obligation rested upon us even if he was a criminal, for we do not know why he became as he did.

*George Adie p.76*

"One day, those who are always hanging around God asked Him: 'Why is it that you pay so much attention to those who love their parents?' And God answered: 'Because parents are old—soon will die—and then I think that such *may* turn to me!'"

*Staveley - Memories of Gurdjieff p.55*

In this connection, you should know that your contemporary favorites are very fond of a notion they got hold of somewhere, which they either sense instinctively or repeat automatically, I don't know which, and express in the words 'We are made in the image of God.'

These unfortunates do not even suspect that, of all their notions about cosmic truths, this expression is the only true one.

And indeed, each of them is the 'image of God' - not of that 'God' they picture with their bob-tailed Reason, but of the real God, as we sometimes call our common Megalocosmos.

Each of them, down to the smallest detail, is exactly similar, though in miniature, to the whole of our Megalocosmos, and in each of them there are all the separate functionings which actualize in the Megalocosmos the cosmic harmonious Iraniranumange, or 'exchange of substances,' maintaining the existence of everything existing as one whole.

*Beelzebubs Tales*

### the Hymn to our Endlessness

Thou Long - Patient Creator of all that breathes,  
Thou Abundantly Loving Cause of all that exists,  
Thou Unique Vanquisher of the merciless Heropass,  
Now to the sound of our exaltation, Rejoice and abide in beatitude

By Thy unprecedented labors Thou hast given us the source of our arising,  
By Thy vanquishing of the Heropass Thou hast opened to us the possibility  
Of perfecting ourselves to the sacred Anklad  
And now only rest, as Thou hast merited We in gratitude  
Will maintain all Thou hast created,

And always and in everything will extol Thee forever,  
Extol Thee, Maker-Creator-Thou, the Beginning of all ends,  
Thou, proceeding from Infinity,  
Thou Who hast the end of all things within Thyself,  
Thou, our Endless Endlessness

*Beelzebubs Tales Chapter 47*



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